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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Caltrans Prepares for Partial Weekend Closure on Westbound I-80** *Traffic Delays Expected November 4-6 in North Sacramento*

SACRAMENTO – Caltrans is alerting motorists traveling on westbound Interstate 80 in North Sacramento that they should prepare for traffic delays of up to 60 minutes during the first weekend of November due to ongoing construction activity.

Caltrans will close a series of traffic lanes, connector ramps and on- and off-ramps covering a 10-mile stretch of westbound Interstate 80 from 10 p.m. Friday, November 4 through noon Sunday, November 6, weather permitting. Crews will be striping the roadway between Longview Drive and the Sacramento River, just west of West El Camino Avenue, one of the final steps needed before the stretch of highway can fully reopen to motorists.

After weekend work is completed, three traffic lanes on westbound I-80 from Longview to the Sacramento River will be fully open, and the express lanes will no longer be in use. Crews then will start to convert the express lanes into the new bus/carpool lanes in both directions, that final step is scheduled to be completed by the end of November for the westbound direction, and mid-December for the eastbound direction.

Caltrans recommends motorists to use Business 80 or other alternate routes during these final periods of construction closures.

“We want to thank the public for their patience and cooperation during this process, said Amarjeet S. Benipal, Caltrans District 3 Director. “We are confident that once the project is complete this December the addition of 10 miles of HOV lanes will aid in a smoother commute for motorists in and around the Sacramento region.”



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Here is the closure schedule:

- From **10 p.m. Friday, November 4 through 1 p.m. Saturday, November 5**: Only one westbound express lane will be open through the entire construction area – from Longview to the Sacramento River, just west of West El Camino Avenue. All westbound on- and off-ramps and the connector ramps to northbound and southbound Interstate 5 will be closed. Motorists traveling on Interstate 5 will not be able to connect to westbound I-80.
- From **1 p.m. Saturday, November 5, through 4 a.m. Sunday, November 6**: From Longview to Northgate Boulevard, the two westbound express lanes will be open while the one local lane will be closed. All ramps from Longview to Northgate will remain closed. From Northgate to the Sacramento River, the one express lane and two local lanes will be open. The connector ramps to Interstate 5 will be open.
- From **4 a.m. to noon on Sunday, November 6**: Two westbound lanes and all ramps and connector ramps will be open from Longview to the Sacramento River, just west of El Camino Avenue. The express lanes will be closed permanently.

Here are some alternate routes for motorists to use during the lane closures through the early morning hours of November 6:

For access to West El Camino Avenue from I-5, motorists and commercial truckers can use westbound Arena Boulevard, then head south on El Centro Road to West El Camino Avenue.

Drivers traveling on State Highway 99 from the Yuba City-Marysville region and headed to the Bay Area are encouraged to use northbound I-5 to Highway 113 and connect to westbound I-80 in Davis.

Sacramento/Roseville residents headed to the Sacramento International Airport can use Business 80 or exit at northbound Elkhorn Boulevard, head to southbound Highway 99 and then to northbound I-5.

Additional information is available at **80AcrossTheTop.com**

Weather or unexpected events may delay or prolong the work. Caltrans advises motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert.” The department will issue construction updates on Twitter @CaltransDist3 and on [Facebook at CaltransDistrict3](#). For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans QuickMap at: <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

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